



# MVPC NEWSLETTER

Monthly Newsletter for Matcham Valley Pony Club

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello members,

Wow where do I start???

So much to share with you all!!

The chocolate drive is well under way with the aim of using the funds towards replacing the existing yards so please if you haven't taken a box to sell or would like another please ask at the club house on our next rally day, as this is going to be a fabulous contribution to our club facilities.

We have a new show jumping set & wings on order along with a Liverpool (water jump) to add to our already amazing collection.

Our new portable dressage arena is due to arrive any day now so we can comfortably run a dressage comp. MVPC has elected to hold the State dressage School at our club in July so this is very exciting.

I'd like to thank our amazing committee for making all this happen!

Unfortunately Kristen (Vice President) and myself will not be at rally due to Ebony and Ella competing at State Tetrathalon and Formal Gymkhana but the rest of the committee have organised an amazing day for you all! See you all in April!!

Happy Riding

xx Jayne Bourke



President : Jayne Bourke  
 Vice President / Uniforms: Kristen Lindsey  
 Secretary / PR: Renee Delicata  
 Ground Membership / Co- Secretary: Carolyn Hardy  
 Treasurer: Lisa Winn  
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# 2021, MVPC committee

## Up and Coming Events

### MARCH

6th March Toronto PC Sporting Day

PCANSW Tetrathlon  
5th - 7th March

CLUB Rally Day  
7th March

Tall Timbers Interclub  
21st March

### April

Watagan Pc Training Day  
4th April

CLUB Rally Day  
18th April



## March Rally Day Schedule

8:00am Troop line / Gear Check- helmet tagging / 8:30am start - new combinations must be assessed

### Morning Activities:

Show jumping Competition with Guest Instructor Erin Dickinson

Pre jump

Handler Presentation & Rider Class with Guest Instructor Rachael Walker

Tallies Twist

Versatility

### Afternoon Activities

Tallies Twist

Barrels - pending on grounds

Bending

Flag race

We will be running jump grading seperatly and will require RSVP for Jump grading you can not just decide on the day  
 To Register Click Here: <https://forms.gle/WWqhkceYu8tSyqD9A>



# EOI FOR YARD SPONSORSHIP



As you all know we are doing a big fundraiser to replace the existing holding yards on our grounds. These yards will be getting replaced in the next 6 months and We are offering Local Businesses the Opportunity to Sponsor a Yard.

Sponsorship will be based on a year by year fee of \$200 and will include your company signage displayed on a yard for advertising purposes and your logo with special offer, editorial or details in our monthly newsletter. This is a great opportunity to get your business details out to our local community and members and help the club at the same time.

If you wish to Sponsor one of our yards please email [mvpc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mvpc.secretary@gmail.com) to be added to our sponsorship list. There are limited yards available and will be placed on a first come first serve basis for positions.

The committee is very excited for the new and improved facilities at our amazing pony club grounds. We look forward to sharing this exciting process with you all in the coming months.

## FUNDRAISER FOR NEW YARDS.

We still have Easter Chocolate Boxes Left for some families that haven't picked up there's as yet and if you can take another please do to help out. Don't forget this is supporting our local club and it is to benefit your kids riding facilities. We appreciate all your support

Boxes are Pre paid at \$80 each pick up from the Uniform Shop at our March Rally Day

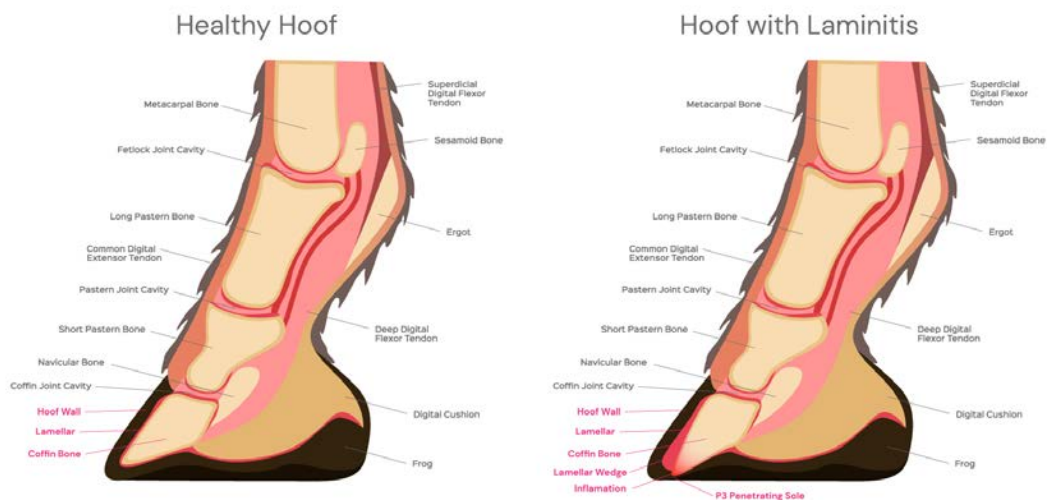


## April Rally Day

Please note that there is a change of rally day date for the Easter Weekend in April there will be NO rally day on the easter long weekend instead we will be having our April Rally Day on the **18th April.**



# Laminitis



We have a lot to be grateful for with the rainfall, however Summer paddocks have not arrived this season. The past seasons of drought to current heavy rainfall has created high levels of fructan in horse paddocks. Causing health issues for horses & ponies prone to laminitis!

Laminitis is one of the most common causes of lameness in horses & ponies. Within the hoof are sensitive thin plate like structures called laminae, which supply nutrition to the hoof & act as primary support to the pedal bone within the hoof. The term laminitis refers to inflammation of these laminae, the laminae becomes weak, the laminae's purpose is compromised resulting in degradation and separation which leads to problems of the horse's health & quality of life.

## Triggers factors:

- Excessive intake of high starch-based feeds ie grains
- Intake of lush pasture containing high levels of fructan resulting in obesity/over eating.
- Signs of Cresty necks - fat deposits
- Rings on hooves
- Toxaemia related to colic, retained placenta, bacterial & viral infections
- Concussive mechanical trauma

## Preventative measures:

- Maintain horses at a healthy body condition by monitoring feeds & amount of feed, exercising regularly
- Limit the consumption of lush pasture, particularly in the late afternoon- use a muzzle if required, especially in the late afternoon
- In the cooler season limit pasture which has been under drought stress or following a frost
- Avoid sudden changes in feed components
- Prevent consumption of excessive starch based grains
- Every 6 - 8 weeks have hooves trimmed / Farrier visit
- Provide dietary supplementation

Information provided by Ranvet - 7th March Rally Day special guest

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## Club Winter Jacket

**\$80**

We are now taking orders for our Winter Jackets. These jackets are beautiful and warm, perfect for those cold windy days at rally and comps. Great for Parents and Kids. They come personalised with your name embroidered on them. Click here to order now.

<https://forms.gle/wanHrHv44eTPwgZT7>

## Parent Membership

Don't forget all parents entering the grounds outside of the visitors areas need to be a 2021 financial non riding member of the club. You will not be able to enter any other area other than the arena viewing platform or the canteen other wise you are not covered by insurance. You also require a working with childrens check to go along with this. Thank you for your understanding.

## Proficiency Levels

We would love to encourage all our riding members to achieve there proficiency levels. We will be running regular assessment days for your child to achieve there riding levels. All members are encouraged to start at the E Certificate and work there way up to the higher levels. These are a great way for your child to not only learn to ride but to also learn about there horse care and equipment. Your Proficiency level work books can be purchase in your my pony club app or store or contact us for more info. <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/certificate-manuals/>

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers for rally days to help out in the canteen, set up and pack up of equipment

### *Bakers Needed*

Can we please have the following baked for our canteen on rally days

- Brownies
- Banana Bread
- Cupcakes
- Meat for Nachos

### *Barista Needed*

The Canteen is looking for someone to help out with the coffee machine on rally days, so if you are an experienced barista that would be a great help

### *BBQ Help Needed*

The canteen is seeking someone to help out Jim on the BBQ at Rally days so if you are able to commit please come and see Jim to offer your service

### *Committee Member Needed*

we are seeking 1 person to join our committee to take over the roll of Fundraising and Sponsorship organisation, if you are able to help out please come and see one of the committee members at the next rally day.



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